

2020 LOCAL ACQUISITIONS FOR NATURAL DIVERSITY GRANTS:			
Municipality	Project Name	Project Description	Total Grant Award
Ashburnham	Jewell Hill Conservation Project	This project is part of a regional application supporting passive recreation and watershed protection that will augment 3,500 acres of protected open space. The Ashburnham property hosts Jewell Hill, a forest habitat with existing trails and views of Mt. Wachusett and Boston.	\$321,844
Brewster	Meetinghouse Road Aquifer Protection Phase II	The project will protect groundwater supply and a critical wildlife corridor. In addition to being entirely Core Habitat, the property is the largest unprotected parcel in the surface watershed to Washburn Bog Pond and abuts the third largest well-field in Cape Cod.	\$377,663
Bridgewater	Broad Street Property	The project unlocks 75 acres of passive recreation in Stiles and Hart Park by enabling off-street parking, ADA accessibility, trail improvements and a trail head.	\$325,974
Fitchburg	Jewell Hill Conservation Project	This project is part of a regional application supporting passive recreation and watershed protection that would augment 3,500 acres of protected open space. The Fitchburg property is ideal for birding watching and nature study and 111 acres lie within Fitchburg's public water supply watershed.	\$237,440
Hanson	Sleeper Preserve Acquisition	The project represents a rare chance to expand protected open space abutting Camp Kiwanee. The property is almost entirely in a wellhead protection area and is partially in a Surface Water Protection Area. It also abuts Pembroke Town Forest.	\$203,296
Lunenburg	Saliba Property - Table Rock Conservation Area	The project provides an immense amount of open space for passive and active recreation, which will be achieved through a new athletic field. The property features Table Rock, a geological phenomenon and trail attraction. An old road within the site is suited for ADA accessibility.	\$400,000
Northampton	Rocky Hill Greenway: Nashawannuck Riparian Restoration	The project will restore Pine Grove Golf Course through reforestation and reestablishment of a natural floodplain and riparian wetland. This restoration exemplifies a climate change adaptation project.	\$400,000
Plymouth	Herring Pond Watershed Protection Project	By enabling trailhead parking and conserving additional open space, the project provides access to various opportunities for passive recreation. The property is designated as core habitat and is located entirely in a High Yield Aquifer Area.	\$400,000

Rochester	Walnut Plain Conservation Project	This project will benefit water resources, wildlife habitat, and passive recreation by expanding an assemblage of open space. The entire property is mapped as priority for rare species and Critical Natural Landscape.	\$345,769
Shirley	Western Wildlife Corridor: Morse Property	This project supports a partially protected wildlife corridor for mammals and waterfowl that depend on riparian habitat. The property is within the Town's overlay district for future ground water supply.	\$186,048
Upton	Robertson Project	The project will extend a network of protected lands between Grafton, Hopkinton, and Upton. The property is home to native Brook Trout and is located primarily in a Wellhead Protection Area.	\$234,429